

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
)	Conf. #: 3739
Gang BAO <i>et al.</i>)	
)	Art Unit: 1618
Serial No.:)	
10/694,243)	Examiner: Dameron Levest Jones
Filed:)	
October 27, 2003)	
For:)	
MULTIFUNCTIONAL MAGNETIC)	
NANOPARTICLE PROBES FOR)	
INTRACELLULAR MOLECULAR IMAGING)	
AND MONITORING)	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

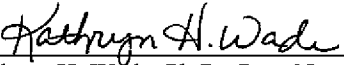
Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed on November 29, 2007, Applicants elect with traverse Group I which encompasses Claims 9 (in part), 38 (in part), 88 (in part), and linking Claims 1-4, 6-8, 11-37, 40-52, 87, and 89-94, which are drawn to compositions comprising nanoparticle compositions wherein the intracellular delivery ligand is HIV-TAT, and methods of production thereof. Applicants further elect with traverse the species of antibodies/antibody fragments as the targeting probes and second delivery ligands.

Applicants hereby request entry of the following amendments, consideration of the appended remarks, and allowance of the pending claims. It is not believed that any extensions of time or fees are required; however, if any extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-5029 (Ref. No. 17625-0058).

Amendments to the Claims can be found on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being submitted electronically, addressed to: Mail Stop: Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on December 31, 2007.


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